

Troop 349 Parent Committee Meeting
May 17, 2012

Present: Mechelle Coppock, Maria Ross, Julie Custer, Steve Valley, Jim Pala, Wally Zampella, Melissa Dana, Jock Whittlesey, Michael Keays, Jeff Englander, Erick Autor, John Fraas, Jim Custer

III. **High Adventure 2013** -- Dave McAllister (SPL) reported that the PLC has opted to change the high adventure from canoeing to Sea Base. Need a \$1500 deposit. Dave was asked many questions by the committee that he was unable to answer. He was directed to get more information. The Parent Committee will not front the \$1500 per prior policy re High Adventure trips.

I. **Eagle Scout Project (Liam O'Connell)** -- Meadowlark Botanical Garden

Improving the native Virginia plant collection

- Repair a small bridge
- Remove invasive species
- Replace with native species

Need about \$500 for bridge repair – plants supplied by Meadowlark

Approved by Parent Committee

II. **Eagle Scout Project (Matthew Valley)** – American Legion

- Removing and replacing the split rail fence
- Installing parking bumpers
- Installing a flagstone path from the parking lot to the exercise equip.

Approved by the Parent Committee

IV. Minutes from the last meeting approved.

V. **Treasurer's Report, review of budget to date, policy for camping reimbursement** – Kathleen O'Connell absent, so no Treasurer's Report

Jeff Englander asked for funding for summer camp for:

- Reimbursement for 2 adult fees
- Prize \$ for nightly competitions or activities
- Hats
- Food for a special dinner one night (in lieu of food provided by the camp)
- Contingencies

Melissa noted that there is no line item on this year's budget for extra expenditures for summer camp. The budget provides for \$300 for summer camp contingencies. The Troop will pay for one adult, because he is a trained, uniformed leader. The other is not and will have to pay for himself. Jim Pala

suggested that all adults going this year split the cost of the one adult that needs to pay, as that is how it has been handled at past summer camps.

Scouts to pay extra for transportation costs to and from camp.

Parent Committee will look over proposed camping reimbursement policy submitted by the budget committee and vote to approve/change at the next meeting. Jim Pala proposed to change the proposed policy to pay for all adults attending summer camp – not just trained uniformed leaders.

VI. Continued work on detailing Troop 349 specific philosophies – tabled until next meeting.

VII. Troop 349 Branding/Recruiting – Jeff reported that Pack 657 or our unit commissioner and perhaps the District do not look at the Troop in a favorable light. He suggested the Parent Committee figure out ways to change this and get more Scouts to join. Steve Valley said we are seen very favorably by the District, and suggested that we are getting enough Scouts from other Packs and via the State Department folks. Mechelle Coppock suggested we continue providing Den Chiefs to Packs. It was also suggested and agreed upon that our Troop host a Den Chief training at the American Legion.

VIII. Back-up Adults for Leadership Positions – Carey Cothorn is learning adult training from Monique. Chris Roussey has agreed to be the assistant Troopmaster Coordinator.

Melissa would like an assistant Committee Chair, and we need a designee to go to District Roundtable. It was suggested that we use Calendar Genius for parents to sign up to take a turn to attend Roundtable twice per year.

IX. What is a quorum/majority? – 25% of PC was suggested. Needs some research.

X. Policy for making decisions (including spending) in between PCM's – Melissa would like the PC to be able to make decisions some way other than during PC meetings. There is too much to be decided during such a short meeting. Survey Monkey was discussed. Nothing decided.

Extra Discussion not on Agenda

Court of Honor – Due to the MEH band concert on June 5, Mechelle proposed moving the CoH and Eagle CoH to Saturday, June 2 or at an earlier time on June 5. After some discussion, no decision was made.

Outgoing ASM's – Jeff proposed giving something to the outgoing ASM's (Mike Ross, Tony Uises, Bob McComas). Approved. No determination as to what it might be or who will purchase.